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## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

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No. 80.

*Stated Meeting, July 17th, 1868.*

Present, five members.

Prof. J. C. CRESSON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Donations for the Library were announced from the Paris Geographical Society; the Bureau des Longitudes; London Royal Astronomical Society; Boston Natural History Society; Bureau of the War Department; Congressional Library; Smithsonian Institute; San Francisco Library; the Franklin Institute; and the Editors of the Journal of Medical Sciences at Philadelphia.

The death of Edward Coles, a member of the Society, was announced, as having taken place on the 7th inst., in the 82d year of his age.

Professor Cope presented for publication a paper entitled: *A Synopsis of the extinct Batrachia and Reptilia of North America.* Referred to a Committee consisting of Dr. Leidy, Professor Trego and Dr. Ruschenberger.

Professor Cope read a communication: *On the Origin of Genera.* Referred to the Secretaries.

Mr. Chase, continuing his remarks made at the last meeting, adduced fresh evidence of a tidal rain-fall, from a discussion of Meteorological Observations made uninterruptedly for 43½ years at Philadelphia.

Dr. H. C. Wood presented for publication a paper on *Pha-*

*langia and Pedipalpi collected by Prof. Orton in Western South America, with a description of a new African species.*  
Referred to the same Committee.

Ballotting for members and other business was postponed, and the Society was adjourned.

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*Stated Meeting, August 21st, 1868.*

Present, two members.

Dr. H. C. Wood, in the Chair.

Letters acknowledging the reception of Proceedings No. 76 were received from the Imperial Geographical Society of Russia, and the Royal Academy at Lisbon.

Letters announcing donations to the Library were read from the Imperial Russian Geological Society; M. Schyanoff of Kiew; and the Surgeon General's Office at Washington.

A photograph for the Album was received from Prof. Winchell of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Donations for the Library were announced from Alexander Schyanoff of Kiew; the Danish Antiquarian Society; the Prussian Academy; the Academy d. Lincei; the Teyler Museum; French Geographical Society; Royal Asiatic Society; Essex Institute; Boston Natural History Society, Public Library, S. H. Scudder, M. D., and Lothrop and Kemp; the American Antiquarian Society; Yale College; Silliman's Journal; Academy of Natural Sciences; Franklin Institute; Medical News; Burnham and Bartlett of Chicago; the Academy of Sciences and Prof. G. S. Swallow of St. Louis.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Officers and Council were read.

Pending nominations Nos. 589, 590, 591, 592 were read, and the Society was adjourned.